

Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Livestock Care Standards Advisory Council (LCSAC) was held on April 15, 2015 in the Vermont Labor Relations Board Hearing room at 13 Baldwin Street, Montpelier VT. The following members were present:

Dr. Kristin Haas (KMH); Dr. Ruth Blauwiekel (RB); Diane Bothfeld (DB); Les Pike (LP); Dr. Kent Henderson (KEH); Royal Larocqe (RL); Marcy Wisnowski (MW); Jane Clifford (JC); Brian Kemp (BK)

The following public observers (affiliations) were present:

Joanne Bourbeau (Humane Society of the United States); Joe Emenheiser (UVM Extension); Caroline Abels (Humaneitarian; Local Banquet); Laura (no affiliation)

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by KMH at 9:05 AM.

The minutes from the February 2015 meeting were approved unanimously after a motion made by RB and seconded by LP.

The Council discussed and finalized a position statement regarding S.22, an act relating to bovine tail docking. This issue was discussed at the request of the Senate and House Committees on Agriculture. The final document was unanimously approved by the Council following a motion made by LP and seconded by KEH. KMH stated that she would forward the document to both committees and to Secretary Ross within 24 hours following the close of the meeting.

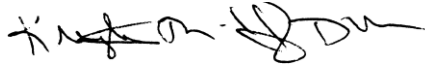
KMH reviewed the status of members' terms. Items of significance included Jess Danyow's resignation from the Council, effective immediately, due to competing priorities; LP's interest in renewing his membership on the Council; Dr. Todd Pritchard's decision not to renew for a second term. KMH will follow up with the appointing authorities in order to complete the necessary reappointments and to forward potential interested replacement candidates.

The Council discussed the two proposals received in response to the calf/cattle transport RFP disseminated in March. Following a motion made by LP and seconded by JC, the Council voted to accept the proposal submitted by Voogd Consulting, Inc.

A public comment period was held; comments were received by Joanne Bourbeau, Joe Emenheiser, and Laura regarding the Council's position statement on tail docking. Public comment was received from Caroline Abels regarding the importance of industry transparency to consumers. Based on the public comments received, the Council may include as part of future meetings discussions pertaining to consumer perception of industry transparency and the development and/or dissemination of best management practices related to bovine tail docking.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 AM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin M. Haas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristin" being more prominent than the last name "Haas".

Kristin M. Haas, DVM